



LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Renovation to Begin in Late Fall

We are excited to announce that a planned renovation to the La Grange Public Library will begin this fall. We thank everyone who participated through surveys and focus groups. In total, over 6,900 square feet will be updated to improve service to the community.

Users will enjoy an additional 700 square feet of space, and early learning play-based opportunities will be enhanced in the youth area. The lobby will also be refreshed to make the most popular collections—movies, music, and new books—even more convenient for patrons. Additionally, after almost 10 years and 2 million visitors, worn carpeting will be replaced.

Funds have been set aside annually in the special reserve fund to complete this update. **There will be no cost to taxpayers.** The special reserve fund, by law, must be spent on facility improvements.

La Grange Public Library Board President, Laurie Braun, said, “We are excited about this renovation, which will make the Library an even more inviting and welcoming space for adults and children. By providing more tools and space for studying in our youth department, we can become an even more effective community partner in addressing the achievement gap among students by enhancing opportunities for all segments of our community.”

Renovation is anticipated to begin in late fall 2017 and last four to six months. Library services will continue during that time. More details and plans will be available as we move forward, and we will post continual updates on lagrangelibrary.org/plenty, as well as the Library's Facebook page.

If you have any additional questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact Jeannie Dilger at dilgerj@lagrangelibrary.org or 708.215.3273.

Signed,

Jeannie Dilger

Executive Director

and the La Grange Public Library Board of Trustees

The Book Report

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Online Research

Did you know your Library card lets you download documents to make a will, change your name, rent your house, or donate a kidney? Need to research a new dishwasher? We've got *Consumer Reports* online. Got an old coin or Beanie Baby collection? See what it's worth at *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles*. HeritageQuest Online has billions of records ready to reveal your family's story. Visit lagrangelibrary.org/elibrary/online-research to learn more.

Thank you to the following local businesses for donating to our summer reading program!

- Anderson's Bookshop
- Andy's Frozen Custard
- Applebee's
- Blueberry Hill
- Brookfield Zoo
- Chicago Fire Soccer Club
- Chick-fil-A
- Chimera's Comics
- Fireside
- Flying High
- Hot Dog & Burger Company
- Impact Dance Studio
- Kane County Cougars
- La Grange Theater
- McDonald's
- Morton Arboretum
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Oak Brook Park District
- Palmer Place
- Pump It Up
- Q-BBQ
- Red Mango
- River Thru History
- Schaumburg Park District
- Sky Zone Trampoline
- Taco Cantina
- Texas Road House
- Trader Joe's
- We're Nuts
- Westmont Yard
- Windy City Thunderbolts

Programs for All

Library Card Month

September is library card month! Kids will receive a library card holder, or a craft kit to make one, while supplies last. Free replacement cards are available for everyone. **D**

School & Library Partnerships

Saturday, September 16, 10:00-11:00am

Julie Jurgens will talk about her experience as the School Services Coordinator for Arlington Heights Memorial Library. Learn about the variety of ways that schools and libraries can partner together to offer more dynamic services to students. After, Rachael Dabkey, Head of Youth Services, and Laura Goldsborough, Youth Services Librarian, will talk about the exciting services the La Grange Public Library currently offers to schools. Refreshments will be provided. This program is open to teachers and school administrators, as well as school and public librarians and/or paraprofessional staff. **R**

Autism Speaks: Transition Town Hall

Saturday, September 23, 10:00am-1:00pm

Get information and tools to begin planning for a child with autism or other disabilities as they age-out or graduate from high school. There will be a panel of experts discussing postsecondary education options, vocation and employment, community needs assessment, housing, and more. Community partners who provide services and resources will also be in attendance. This event is free and open to the public. **R**

Trick or Treat at the Library

Saturday, October 28, All Day

Trick or treat for a free book during the La Grange Halloween Walk, compliments of the Friends of the Library! **D**

Day of the Dead Celebration

Saturday, October 28, 2:00-4:00pm

Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, is a celebration of Mexican heritage honoring loved ones who have passed away. The entire family is invited to experience this unique celebration through storytelling, sugar skull making, and more. **D**

Adult Programs

Register at lagrangelibrary.org/events or call 708.215.3200.

French Conversation Class

Wednesdays, September 6, September 20, October 4, & October 18

2:00-3:00pm: Beginning Level

3:00-4:00pm: Intermediate Level

Join Silva Melkonian, former manager at Lions Clubs International and speaker of several languages, in this fun and interactive French conversation class. In addition to teaching French language skills, Silva will delve into the culture, history, geography, and culinary

world of France. She will also share her traveling experience throughout Europe, Asia, Canada, and Australia. **D**

I Am Not Your Negro Screening and Discussion

Friday, September 8, 6:00-8:30pm

Join us for a screening and discussion of the Oscar-nominated documentary, *I Am Not Your Negro*, featuring James Baldwin. Refreshments will be served at 6:00pm, and the screening will begin at 6:30pm. A discussion will follow. Presented in partnership with the CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange. **D**

AARP Smart Driver Course

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 12 & 13, 10:00am-2:00pm

Monday & Tuesday, October 23 & 24, 10:00am-2:00pm

Learn how our driving is affected by changes in ourselves such as medications, medical conditions, alcohol, vision, hearing, brain health, and flexibility. Class cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members (payable to AARP at the class). **Must take both days of the class for credit on your car insurance. R**

Intro to Home Cider Making

Thursday, September 14, 7:00-8:30pm

Making hard cider at home is an entertaining and rewarding hobby enjoyed by thousands of people all over the world. Join us for a fun evening with award-winning home brewer Scott Pointon, who will discuss the equipment, ingredients, brewing process, and resources available to would-be brew cider makers. **R**

Microsoft Word 101

Monday, September 18, 6:30-7:30pm

Learn to create, format, save, and print a document. Topics covered include: templates, setting margins, font selection, and more. This class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Class is taught on PC laptops and is hands-on. Some computer knowledge necessary. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Photoshop Elements 101

Monday, September 25, 6:30-7:30pm

Improve the look of your photos with Photoshop Elements. Learn the basics of photo editing including importing images, cropping, color correcting, and more. Class is taught on PC computers and is hands-on. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Tech Tuesday

Tuesday, October 3, 2:30-4:00pm

Learn how to download and stream e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, music, and movies. Get help with Microsoft Office, our online databases, internet searching, setting up an email account, and more. Use the library computers or bring your own device. If you are unable to come in during drop-in times, please call 708.215.3220 to schedule an appointment. **D**



Adult Programs Cont.

Mary's Craft Corner: Talavera-Style Earrings

Thursday, October 12, 7:00-8:00pm

Join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by making talavera tile-style earrings with our crafty staff member, Mary. (15 max.) **R**

Microsoft Excel 101

Monday, October 16, 6:30-7:30pm

Discover the tools and formulas needed to create a basic spreadsheet and chart. Topics include: entering data, formatting, cell alignment, fonts, mathematical calculations, functions, and more. This class is for people who have little or no experience using Microsoft Excel. The class is taught on PC laptops and is hands-on. Some computer knowledge necessary. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Nostalgia for the Light Screening

Tuesday, October 17, 7:00-8:30pm

Join us for a philosophical and visually-stunning documentary set in Chile's Atacama Desert. This is a favorite location for astronomers investigating the mysteries of the night, archaeologists searching for artifacts that offer a glimpse into a pre-Colombian past, and ordinary Chilean citizens looking for clues to what happened to their loved ones during the Pinochet regime. *Please note the film is in Spanish with English subtitles.* **R**

Photoshop Elements 102

Monday, October 23, 6:30-7:30pm

Take your Photoshop Elements skills to the next level by learning to enhance your digital photos using layers, cloning, and other tools. Class is taught on PC computers and is hands-on. We recommend that you take Photoshop Elements 101 first. LGPL cardholders only. (Limit 10.) **R**



Lights Out Everybody! Mystery & Horror in the Golden Age of Radio

Wednesday, October 25, 11:30am-12:30pm

You're invited to a spooky celebration of radio's glory days, hosted by Steve Darnall of *Nostalgia Digest* magazine. He will share some of radio's best-known mystery and horror programs, and show us how the golden age of radio really was a "theater of the mind" using music, voices, and sounds to create indelible—and often frightening—pictures. **R**

Gmail, Google Calendar, and Google Docs

Monday, October 30, 7:00-8:30pm

You don't need to buy Microsoft Office to have access to quality email, calendar, word processing, spreadsheet, and slideshow software. Learn all about what you can do with access to free Google products. Presented by Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People. **R**



Programs with this  power symbol have a technology focus.

Young Adult Programs

Young Adult programs are open to those in grades 7-12. Many Young Adult programs require registration. Visit lagrangelibrary.org/events, or call Lisa and Megan at 708.215.3228.

How to Be a Teen Author

Thursday, September 7, 6:30-7:30pm

Author Tanja Samardzija was a high school senior when she published her book, *A Clueless Heart*. She will share her experience covering the writing process, editing, copywriting, and publishing. **R**

Teen Writer's Studio

Friday, September 8, 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, September 22, 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, October 6, 4:30-5:30pm

Friday, October 20, 4:30-5:30pm

Love to write but need feedback? Share your talent and opinions with peers in this program. Enjoy writing prompts and games too! **D**

Anime Night

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-8:30pm

Anime fans meet monthly to watch anime, draw, and enjoy Japanese snacks. **D**

How to Study When You're New to High School

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00-8:00pm

Bill Young from Club-Z In-Home Tutoring Services will present best study practices focusing on teens transitioning from middle school to high school. **R**

Need Coffee?

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-7:30pm

Kick start your life by learning coffee cheats to make yummy drinks at home. Enjoy samples as you learn the difference between lattes, frappés, and more. **R**

Anime Fest

Saturday, October 21, 1:00-4:00pm

Anime fans and anime curious are invited to join us for our fourth annual Anime Fest! Enjoy artists, panels, gaming, and more! Cosplay encouraged. All ages welcome. **D**

R = must register! **D** = drop in program

Youth Services Programs

Registration for storytimes and programs begins Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00am. Register in-person at the Youth Services desk, online at lagrangelibrary.org/events, or by calling 708.215.3210.

Back to School Storytimes

September 18-October 26

Storytimes introduce children to early literacy skills and the library through a half hour of stories, activities, and songs. Parents also have the opportunity to learn new stories and songs with their children and meet other parents. The toddler storytimes planned for ages 2-3 have shorter stories and more movement. If your child is ready for longer stories, then they are ready to move on to our preschool storytimes for 3-5 year olds. Parents and caregivers can choose which storytime is appropriate for their 3-year-old. **R**

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

(Choose one) **R**

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30am

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30am

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30am

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

(Choose one) **R**

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00am

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00am

Baby Time (For children ages 3-23 months and their caregivers)

Mondays, 10:00-10:30am or Thursdays, 9:15-9:45am

Drop-in for this interactive program that includes books, action rhymes, songs, and bubbles. For babies and their caregivers only, no older siblings allowed. Space is limited to the first 20 babies and caregivers. Tickets may be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis. **D**

Preschool Art Studio

Fridays, September 22-October 27, 10:00am-12:00pm

Ages 2-5

Stop by for our weekly self-guided arts and craft time. There's a different project each week! **D**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Kick-Off with Mother Goose and Her Friends

Saturday, September 9, 10:00-11:00am

Join us as we kick-off the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Mother Goose and Her Friends is a fast paced literature program for young children full of rhyme, puppetry, and creative dramatics. Children will have the opportunity to interact with a professional storyteller and participate in the "magic" of puppetry and nursery rhymes. After the program, children will be able to register for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Registration is encouraged but drop-ins are allowed. **R**

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an exciting program that encourages parent and child interaction and promotes reading through sharing books together. Together with their parent, children who register for this program will read 1,000 books before their first day of kindergarten. Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are eligible to participate by registering at Youth Services. Participants will receive rewards along their reading journey and we will hold a graduation ceremony for those that finish at the end of each school year. **R**

Tiny Toes Music

Saturday, September 30, 10:00-10:45am

Ages 0-5 with a caregiver. Older siblings are allowed.

Tiny Toes Music classes provide a musical and social opportunity for children and adults. Each class is 45 minutes of singing, dancing, and rhythmic chants. Musical rituals, instrument play, and intentional song variations and actions support children's musical, language, social, emotional, and physical development. **R**

Read to the Dogs

Mondays, September 18 & October 16, 7:00-8:00pm

Readers are invited to stop by the Library to read to a specially-trained dog for 15 minutes. Dogs are great listeners no matter what your reading level! Advanced registration is not required, but you will need to stop by the Youth Services desk to reserve a time slot beginning at 6:45pm on the evening of the program. Reading time is a one-on-one experience. No parents or siblings allowed. **D**

LEGO® Club

Thursdays, September 14 & October 19, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-6

LEGO® enthusiasts are invited to meet and work individually or as a group. All supplies will be provided and your project will be on display until the next LEGO® Club. You only need to bring your imagination and creativity! **D**

Artist's Club

Tuesday, September 12, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 3-6

Picasso, van Gogh, or Matisse? Join us as we explore the different techniques of famous artists throughout history. You will then use these techniques to create your own masterpiece! **R**

STEM Time: 3D Structures and More

Tuesday, September 19, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-2

Create cool structures using toothpicks and playdough, or make your own harmonica using craft sticks. You can do one activity or both. Either way, join us for an hour full of fun. **R**

Youth Services Programs continued

Alphabet Animals!

Tuesday, September 26, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades K-2

In this high energy, 60-minute draw-along program, kids will learn to draw 26 cartoon animals using only the alphabet and simple shapes. Presented by cartoonist Mark Anderson. This program is brought to you by the generous donations to the Tyler Duelm Memorial Fund. **R**



STEM Time: DIY Fidget Spinners

Thursday, October 5, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 3-6

You might have a fidget spinner already, but have you ever made one? Learn how a fidget spinner works by building one using simple materials including cardboard, scissors, and glue. **R**

Kids' Corner: A Book Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Thursday, October 12, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 2-3

Are you a book-loving kid who enjoys reading mysteries? Join us for our new book club and read *The Haunted Library* by Dori Hillstead Butler. You'll discuss the book with other kids your age and enjoy a craft and/or a related snack. A copy of the book will be available at the Youth Services desk at the time of registration. **R**

Book Squad: A Book Club for 4th-6th Graders

Tuesday, October 24, 3:45-4:45pm

Grades 4-6

Book Squad is a new, relaxed discussion group for book-loving kids! We'll enjoy discussion of the book, a craft and/or a related snack. You can also help decide the book for the next meeting. A copy of the book will be available at the Youth Services desk at the time of registration. **R**

Halloween Messy Art

Thursday, October 26, 3:45-4:45pm

Ages 2-5

Stop by and let your preschooler discover and create. Tables will be set up with a variety of Halloween themed art projects. Stay for one or try them all. Dress to get messy! **D**

Not-So-Spooky Dance Party

Saturday, October 28, 10:30-11:30am

Ages 6 months-2 years

Dress your little one up in costume and join us for a "howling" good time as we dance and play games. This event is intended for children ages 6 months-2 years. No older siblings allowed. **R**

Pumpkin Painting

Monday, October 30, 3:45-4:45pm

All Ages

Get in the spooky spirit by painting a pumpkin to take home. Pumpkins will only be available to those that register. Please register each child in your family. **R**

Babysitting Class

Thursday, September 21, 4:00-6:30pm & Friday, September 22, 4:00-5:30pm or

Monday, October 16, 4:00-6:30pm & Tuesday, October 17, 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 11-15

Instructor George Scukanec from the Willowbrook Park District will be your guide through this 4-hour, hands-on clinic covering baby and child care, first aid, and babysitter training. If you attend both sessions, you will receive your official Babysitting Certification at the end of the second class! A fee of \$20 is due at registration. Register in-person at the Youth Services desk. Class size is limited to 16. *Due to this program's popularity, you may only register your own children.* **R**

News From Our Neighbors

Salt Creek Woods Restoration

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00pm

Learn about how the Shedd Aquarium is partnering with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and scores of volunteers to restore the wetlands within Salt Creek Woods to good health and how you can participate. Questions? Call the La Grange Park Public Library at 708.352.0100.

Frank Lloyd Wright at 150: An Architectural Legacy

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00-8:30pm

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Wright's birth. Art historian Jeff Mishur will present about Wright himself and his architecture in the Midwest and elsewhere in this slide lecture. Sign up online, by phone, or in person. Questions? Call the Thomas Ford Memorial Library at 708.246.0520.

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Board Meetings

- Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30pm
- Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30pm

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Book & Film Discussions

Noir in a Bar | Tuesday, September 26, 7:00pm
 Dinner, drinks, and discussion. *My Favorite Thing is Monsters* by Emil Ferris
 Meet at Taco Cantina, 50 S. La Grange Road. **R**

Beyond Borders Reading Group | 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 10:30am-12:30pm
 September 12, *The Man with the Golden Arm* by Nelson Algren
 October 10, *Last Train to Istanbul* by Ayse Kulin

LGPL Confidential | Thursday, September 21, 7:00pm
 Film discussion with cinema history and refreshments. *The Sweet Smell of Success* (1957) **R**
 Thursday, November 30, 7:00pm
The Third Man (1949) **R**

Art Exhibits

Kelley Clark: Big Wild
 Lower Level Gallery
 Now through mid-September

Midwest SOARRING Foundation: Harvest Pow Wow Photographs
 Lower Level Gallery
 October through mid-November

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm
 Sunday 1:00-5:00pm (closed Sept. 3)

Closed

Sunday, September 3 & Monday, September 4 for Labor Day